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SUBJECT: MWAANGA STATEMENT ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. FONMIN MWAANGA ADDRESSED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON MARCH 18  
ON SUBJECT OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA  
INCLUDING CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE OF ZAMBIAN CONTACTS WITH  
VORSTER. MWAANGA PROVIDED AMB WITH TEXT OF SPEECH WHICH  
HE OBVIOUSLY REGARDS AS MAJOR POLICY STATEMENT (BEING  
POUCHED JANIN AF/E. MAR 18 DEATH OF ZANU LEADER HERBERT  
CHITEPO CAPTURED HEADLINES SO SPEECH GOT ONLY ABBREVIATED  
MENTION IN ZAMBIAN PRESS.

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2. MWAANGA, AFTER NOTING BRITISH FAILURES TO SOLVE PROBLEMS CREATED BY RHODESIAN UDI, JUSTIFIABLY CLAIMS FOR ZAMBIA GOOD SHARE OF CREDIT FOR FREEING NATIONALIST LEADERS SITHOLE AND NKOMO FROM DETENTION AND ACHIEVING ZANU/ZAPU MERGER INTO UNIFIED ANC. ZAMBIA ALSO "SECURED SOUTH AFRICA'S ACCEPTANCE FOR THE FIRST TIME OF THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA." CONSEQUENTLY, INSTEAD OF BEING A NEGATIVE FORCE IN STRUGGLE FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE IN REGION, SOUTH AFRICA'S ROLE "HAS BEGUN TO ASSUME A POSITIVE CHARACTER." NEVERTHELESS IT IS STILL SOUTH AFRICAN GOODWILL AND PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE WHICH ENABLES SMITH REGIME IN RHODESIA TO SURVIVE DESPITE INEVITABILITY OF MAJORITY RULE.

3. MWAANGA READILY ADMITS ZAMBIA HAS NOT YET ACHIEVED EVERYTHING IT WANTS. HE BLAMES SMITH FOR LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE. ZAMBIA SUPPORTS ANC REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE WITH SMITH WHILE SITHOLE IN DETENTION. MWAANGA DEMANDS LATTER'S IMMEDIATE RELEASE AND WARNS THAT SHOULD THERE BE ANY MORE ARRESTS AND DETENTIONS OF NATIONALIST LEADERS IN ZIMBABWE, THEN AFRICA WILL BE JUSTIFIED IN CONCLUDING SMITH DOES NOT WANT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND WILL TAKE "THE NECESSARY ACTION."

4. ECHOING POINT PREVIOUSLY STRESSED BY KAUNDA ADVISER MARK CHONA AND OTHERS, MWAANGA ASSERTS ZAMBIANS HAVE NOT BEEN ENGAGED IN "DIALOGUE" WITH SOUTH AFRICA. DIALOGUES ARE CONDUCTED AMONG FRIENDS AND SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT ZAMBIAN FRIEND. ZAMBIA OPPOSES SOUTH AFRICAN INTERFERENCE IN RHODESIA, CONTINUED ILLEGAL OCCUPATION AND ATTEMPTED "BANTUSTANIZATION" OF NAMIBIA, AND APARTHEID. ZAMBIA'S COMMITMENT TO STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA THEREFORE UNQUESTIONABLE. HOWEVER, IF PEACE IS POSSIBLE, ZAMBIA WILL WORK FOR IT; OTHERWISE, IT WILL SUPPORT ARMED STRUGGLE IF THIS ONLY CHOICE LEFT. QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER THERE WILL BE CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT WHEN AND HOW.

5. COMMENT: MWAANGA STATEMENT IS ESSENTIALLY REITERATION OF WELL-KNOWN ZAMBIAN POSITIONS. HE APPEARS IN THIS INSTANCE PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH ANSWERING AFRICAN CRITICS OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN DETENTE AND WITH REASSURING ZAMBIAN

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PARLIAMENTARIANS WHO FEEL EXCLUDED FROM IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY PLAY THAT GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN EUCHRED INTO DIPLOMATIC TRAP BY WILY SOUTH AFRICANS. LATTER MAY TAKE SOME SLIGHT COMFORT, HOWEVER, IN MWAANGA RECOGNITION OF THEIR POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS REGARDING RHODESIA. IT NOTEWORTHY MWAANGA SPEECH OVERLOOKS INTERNAL UNITY PROBLEMS WITHIN ANC AND DOES NOT REFLECT GUARDED OPTIMISM CONTAINED IN MARCH 6 LETTER TO SECY KISSINGER. (IT SHOULD BE NOTED MWAANGA WAS

SPEAKING BEFORE HE LEARNED OF DEATH OF CHITEPO THAT  
SAME MORNING.) UNDERSCORING GROWING WORRY ABOUT  
RHODESIA (EVEN BEFORE CHITEPO ASSASSINATION), NEITHER  
IS THERE ANY MENTION OF ANGOLAN SITUATION TO WHICH HE  
GAVE PRIORITY IN HIS LETTER TO SECY.  
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